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1. Exchange letters forwarded EMBDESP 189 formalized establishment but not functions Economic Commission. Definition functions and US participation will be determined ing initial meetings Commission. Formalization functions and method operation as determined by Commission may require further exchange notes and possibly Libyan enabling legislation.

2. No objection immediate allotment three million to USOM/L for later transfer to Commission. Draft note as suggested to accompany this transfer will be submitted Department for review.

3. Believe request for postponement initial meeting Commission would cause disappointment and inconvenience GOL and might be prejudicial US position. Meeting exploratory only and Stokes perfectly qualified and able present US position. Unless instructed otherwise, therefore, I will not endeavor postpone February 12 meeting.

4. Cannot give more exact description duties executive director than those specified Tappin letter to Jernegan December 28, 1954 American members will pospose that director provide consultative services in formulating, selecting and financing appropriate projects, operations, including letting of contracts, would be carried out by GOL departments and agencies in order strengthen them through assumption these responsiblities. Executive director would also provide consultative services if necessary, at operational stage and carry out inspection and review of projects during their implementation.

American members will propose payment Commission's administrative expenses from Commission funds, including salaries executive director and staff, cost of necessary technical consultative services, etc.

Embassy desires soonest

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Embassy desires soonest information obtained by FOA on experience similar organizations other countries and estimate of possible costs suggested open-end contract with US firm. Contract requirements might include executive director, two secretaries, fiscal officer, and two man-years engineering consultant's services per annum.

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